(b) whether Government proposed to shift some subordinate offices in Delhi to colonies such as NOIDA and Faridabad with a view to relieving congestion in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question of shifting certain offices of the Central Government, Public Sector Undertakings and Autonomous Bodies outside Delhi with a view to relieve congestion is under consideration of the Government.

डी० आई० जैड० एरिया में पानी की सप्लाई

1104. **श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा** : क्या **निर्माण और आवास** मंत्री 9 जुलाई, 1982 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 212 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने का कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नई दिल्ली के डी० आई० जैड० एरिया के काली बाड़ी क्षेत्र में 1982 से मार्च, 1985 तक की अवधि के दौरन ओवरहैड टैंक से तीन-तीन घंटे सुबह और शाम पानी की सप्लाई की जाती रही है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि अप्रैल, 1985 से पानी की सप्लाई एक घंटे से भी कम कर दी गई है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

निर्माण और आवास मंत्री (श्री अब्दुल गफूर) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) जी, नहीं । अप्रैल, 1985 से इस क्षेत्र में पानी की सप्लाई सुबह और शाम को दो-दो घंटे से कम नहीं है ।

(ग) अप्रैल, से जून, 1985 तक नई दिल्ली नगर पालिका से पानी की सप्लाई कम हुयी है ।

Industrial licences for new sugar factories

1105. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state whether Government are reviewing the policy of granting industrial licences to new sugar factories only in the non-factory districts, particularly in view of the representation made by the Government of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): The existing licensing policy is under review of the Government. The licensing policy for the Seventh Plan is under formulation.

Remunerative prices for sugarcane

1106. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the sugar production in the country will continue to decline unless the farmers are given remunerative prices for sugar cane; and

(b) if so, by when Government propose to take a decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) Sugarcane availability is the major factor having a bearing on sugar production and the prices received by the growers is one of the factors affecting availability. Consequently, in the fixation of the statutory minimum price of sugarcane payable by sugar factories, under the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966, due regard is given to the following:-

(i) the cost of production of sugarcane;

(ii) the return to the grower from alternative crops and the general trend of prices of agricultural commodities;

(iii) the availability of sugar to the consumer at a fair price;

(iv) the price at which sugar produced from sugarcane is sold by producers of sugar; and

(v) the recovery of sugar from sugarcane.

In actual practice, however, the growers have generally been getting prices much higher than the statutory minimum, under the advice of the State Governments or as a result of the operation of the Bhargava Sharing Formula enshrined in the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966.

(b) So far as statutory minimum cane price for the forthcoming sugar year 1985-86 is concerned the same is under examination of the Government. The statutory minimum cane price for 1985-86 sugar year will be announced at the appropriate time.

Diversion of sugarcane for production of khandsari and jaggery

1107. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in U.P. maximum sugar cane is diverted to produce jaggery and khandsari for the high prices tney yield; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in view of the considerable fall in sugar production?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) Some complaints about diversion of sugarcane to gur and khandsari manufacture were received from the State of Uttar Pradesh in the sugar season 1984-85.

(b) The Central Government has been advising the State Governments from the beginning of the season on measures to check diversion. These measures include demarcation of reserved areas of sugar factories keeping in view their requirements, proper distribution of sugarcane between sugar mills and other sweetening agents so as to avoid unhealthy competition, non-issue of fresh licences to crushers within reserved areas, banning operation of all unauthorised crushers within reserved areas, ensuring timely payment of cane price etc. The implementation of these steps, however, lies with the State Governments who have the requisite powers and field organisations to enforce the same.

Progress of Rural Development Programmes in Phulbani District of Orissa

1108. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people from poorest sections including scheduled castes and scheduled tribes who have been brought under various rural development programmes in Phulbani district in Orissa during the last three years;

(b) the amount spent in that district under various rural development programmes during the above period; and

(c) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) to (c) The important poverty alleviation programmes being implemented in the country, including Phulbani District in Orissa, are IRDP, NREP and RLEGP.